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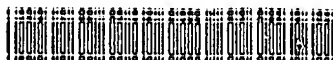
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SCIMED Life Systems, Inc.

a corporation of the State of Minnesota, having an office at

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and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, a portion of the entire right, title, and interest in and to certain inventions related to **LOW PROFILE RETENTION SYSTEM** described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/177,820, filed October 23, 1998.

The portion of the entire right, title, and interest that we hereby sell, assign, and transfer to

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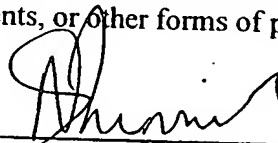
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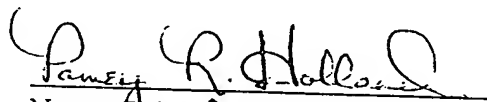
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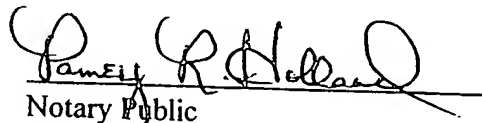
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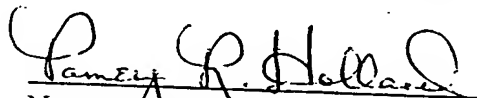
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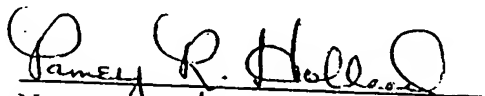
  
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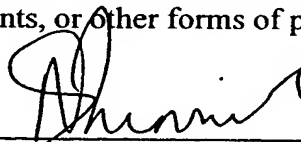
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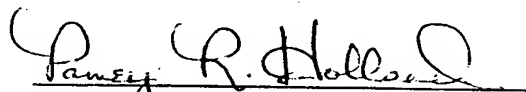
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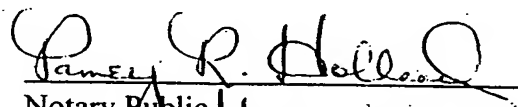
  
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